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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

District 2

The following area will continue to be open to purse seining through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 19, 2013:

District 2: will be open north of the latitude of 54°47.10' N. latitude (located approximately one-half nautical mile south of McLean Point Light) and south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

The Kendrick Bay terminal harvest area (THA) opened on June 15, 2013, by regulation, and will be open continuously to purse seining through September 30, unless closed by emergency order. The Kendrick Bay THA consists of those waters of Kendrick Bay west of 131°59.00' W. longitude and those waters of McLean Arm west of 131°57.80' W. longitude.

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 20, 2013:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following area:

Point Augusta: will be closed;

Tenakee Inlet: will be closed;

Hidden Falls THA: will be open in the waters of Chatham Strait within the boundaries of a line from South Point, as indicated by a marker at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°51.78' W. longitude to a point offshore at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°48.00' W. longitude, then running south to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°43.00' W. longitude then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°47.50' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed north and west of a line from North Point to the northernmost tip of Round Island to the southernmost tip of Round Island to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°12.48' N. latitude, 134°50.98' W. longitude.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: For fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may be retained and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Kendrick Bay, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Hidden Falls THA Information: The 2013 forecast summer chum salmon return to Hidden Falls THA is 1,315,000. Of this return, 160,000 are needed for broodstock leaving 1,155,000 available for common property harvest. Fishermen can expect openings on Sundays and Thursdays through July 7. After July 7, openings may be affected by the need to secure broodstock. On June 16, the average weight of chum salmon was 8.8 pounds and the sex ratio was 71% male. Chum salmon tax assessment remains in effect – see the purse seine news release dated June 5, 2013 for additional information.

Estimated pink salmon harvest in the Point Augusta index fishery is well below the recent 10-year average for the initial opening of the fishery.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Friday, **June 21, 2013**.

Copies of the “2013 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan” may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department’s website at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is 1S1313.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 25
Preliminary Estimates compiled June 18, 2013

NUMBERS OF SALMON							
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 2*	500	400	1,500	600	8,000	11,000	25
Deep Inlet THA**	500	20	0	0	2,600	3,120	11
Hidden Falls THA	625	400	40	50	35,000	36,115	22

FISH PER BOAT						
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 2*	20	16	60	24	320	440
Deep Inlet THA**	45	2	0	0	236	284
Hidden Falls THA	28	18	2	2	1,591	1,642

*District 2 numbers are for the first 2 days of fishing.

**Deep Inlet THA information is for June 16 only.

Point Augusta and Tenakee Inlet-confidential.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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